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(54) **FIREARM CONVERSION ASSEMBLY AND METHOD**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The disclosed apparatus and method facilitates modification of a firearm, such as an automatic, semi-automatic, bolt action, or other firearm to be modified to a scissor-style bolt action firearm. In one embodiment the firearm is a semi-automatic firearm prior to modification. In one particular embodiment, the firearm is a rifle sold by the Ruger company under the model name 10/22.

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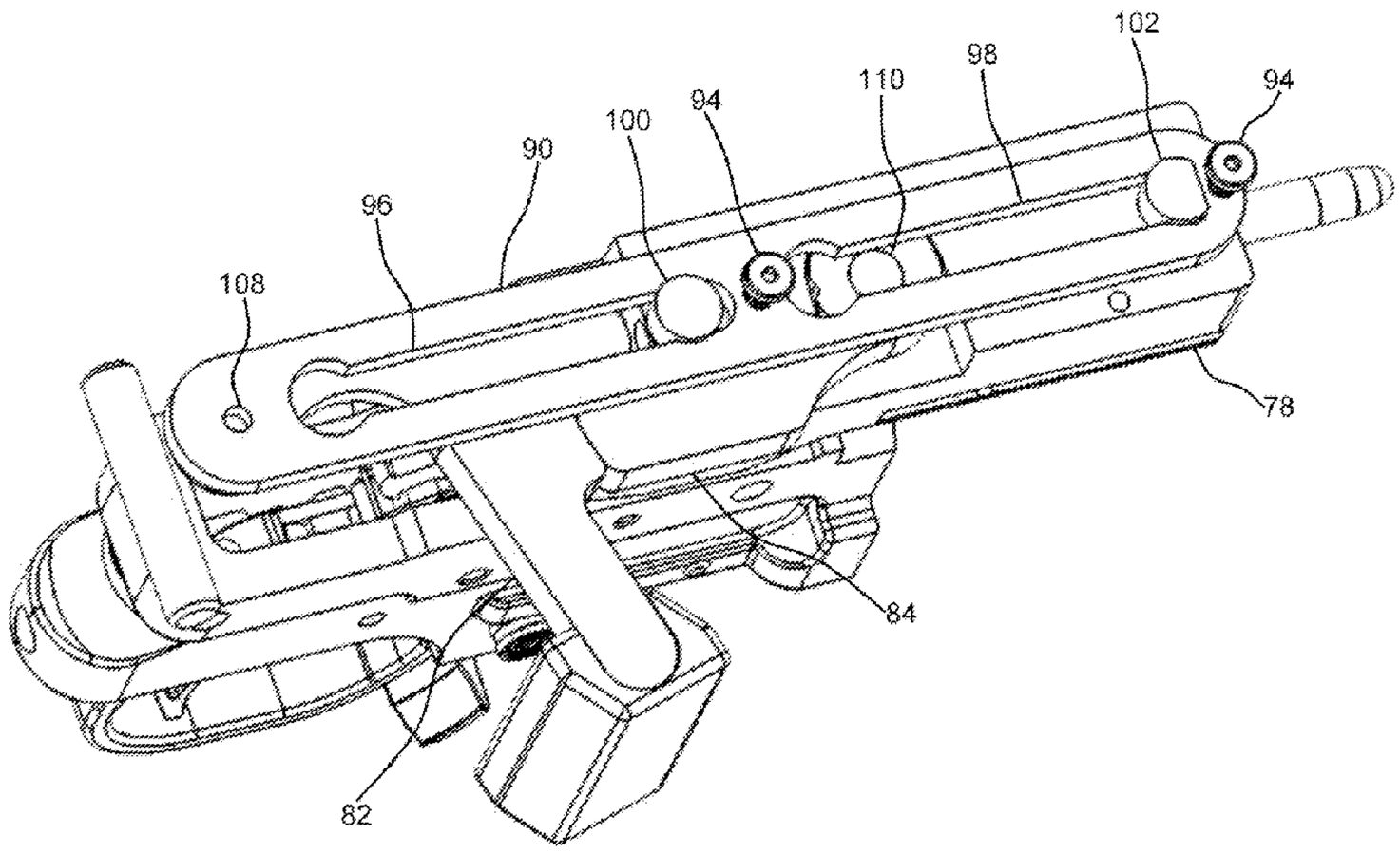

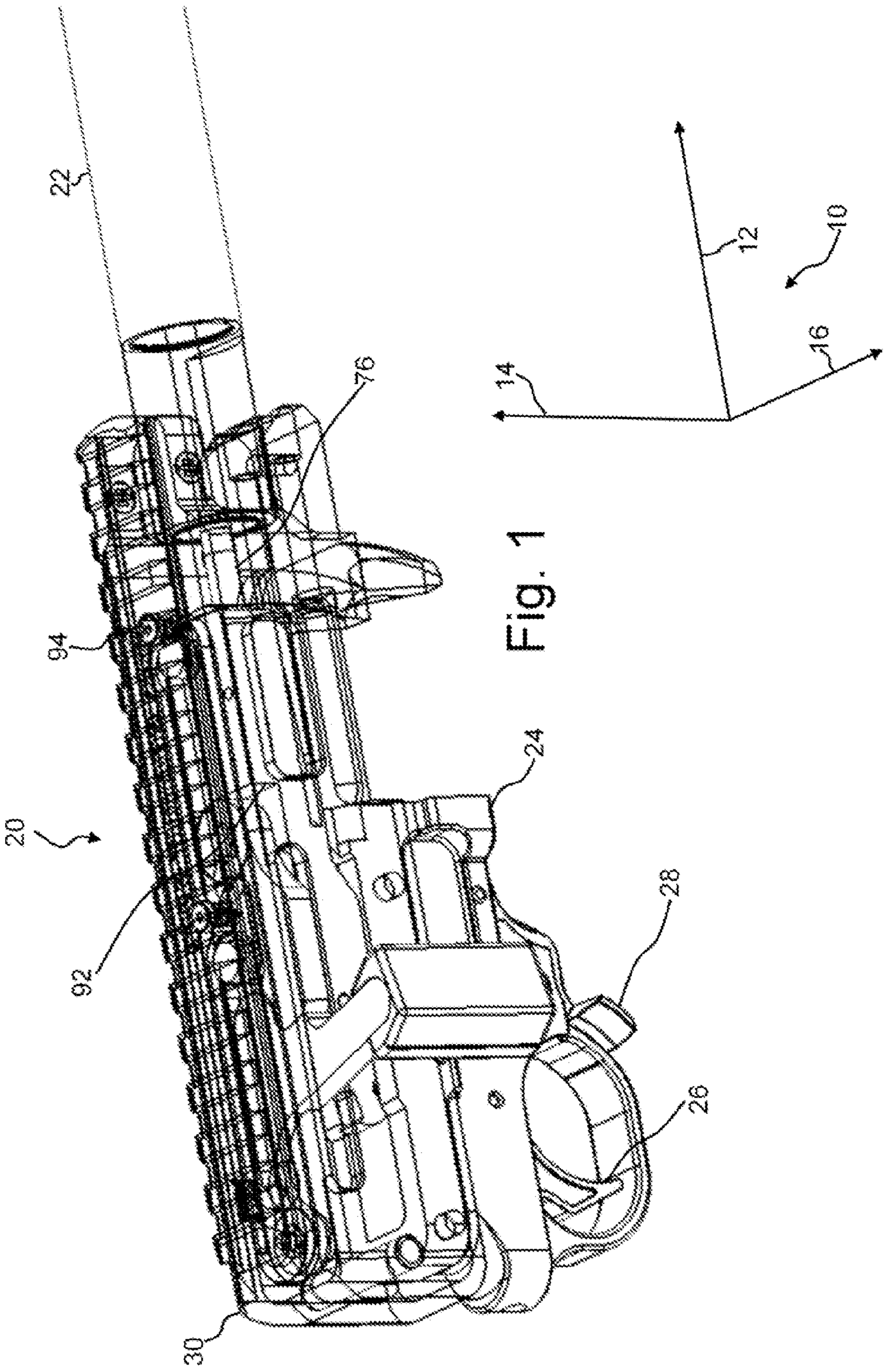

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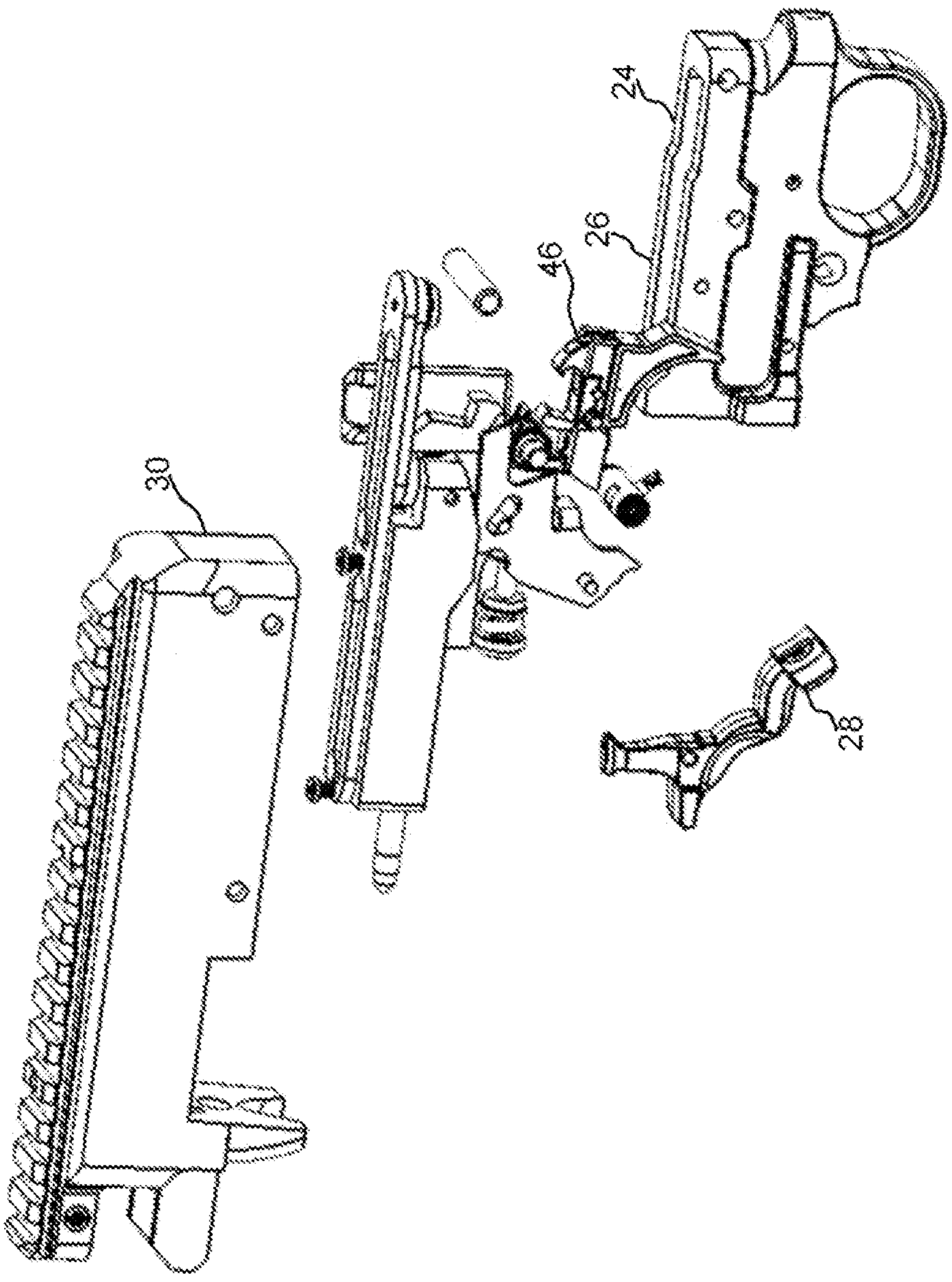

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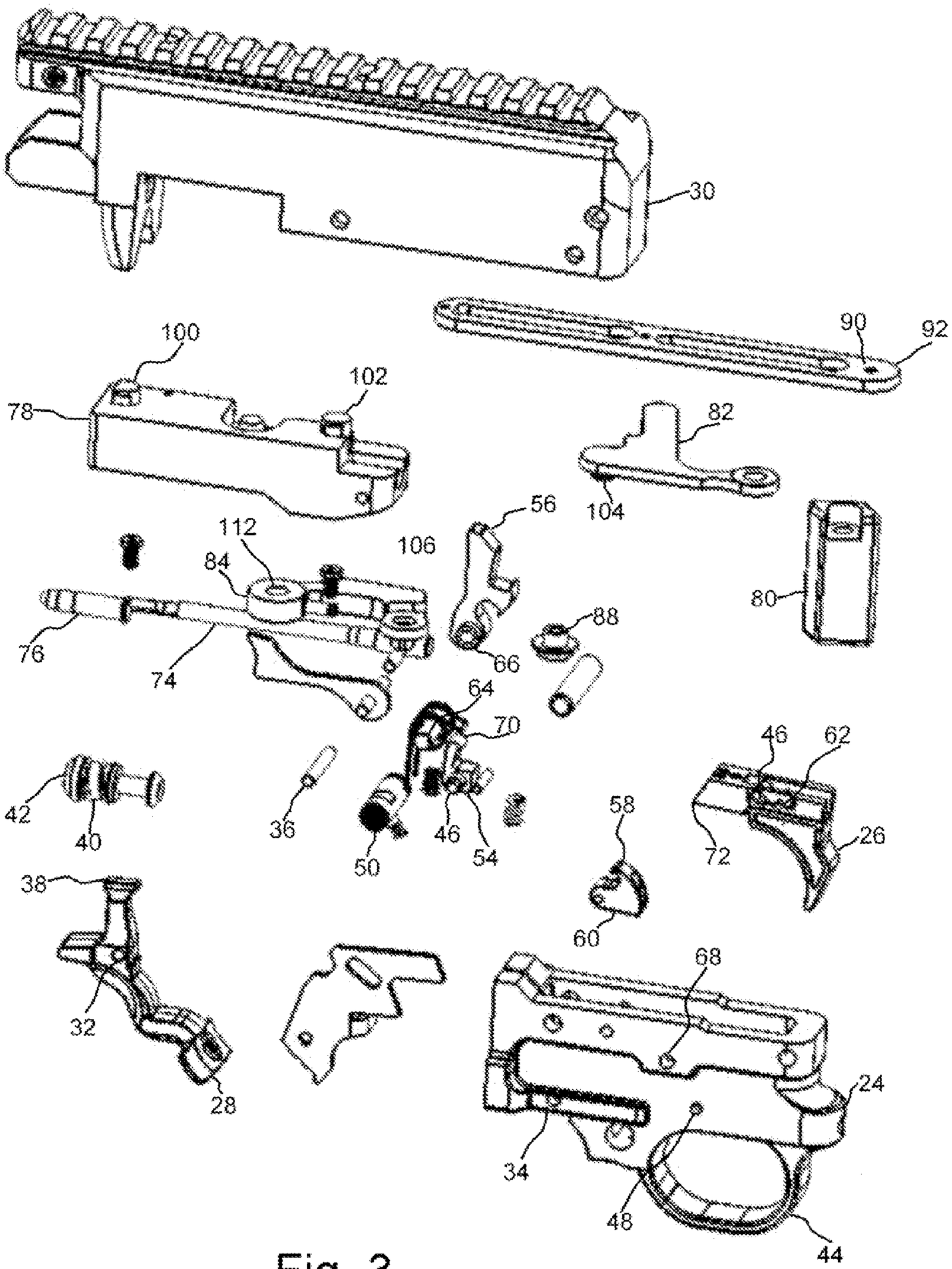
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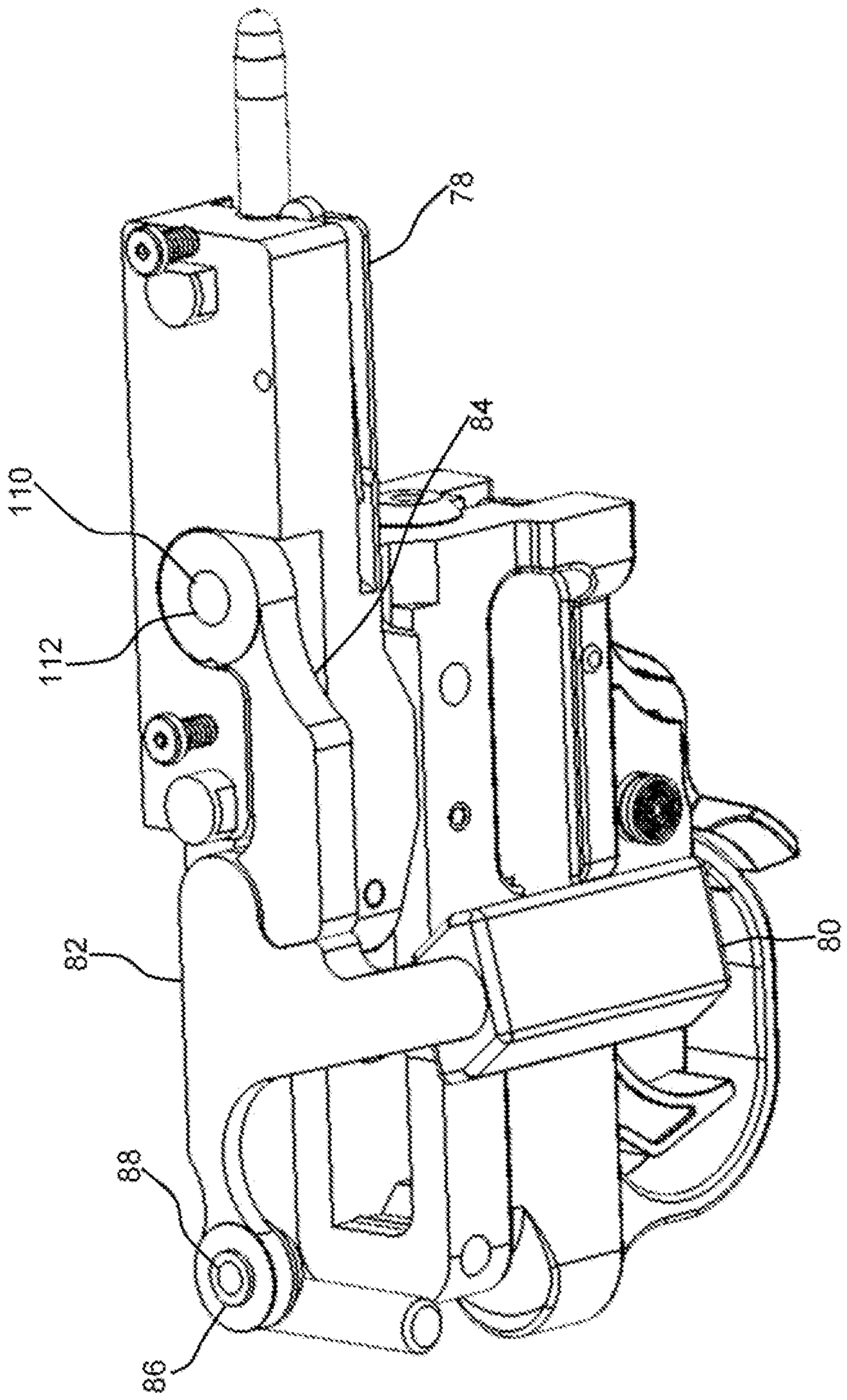

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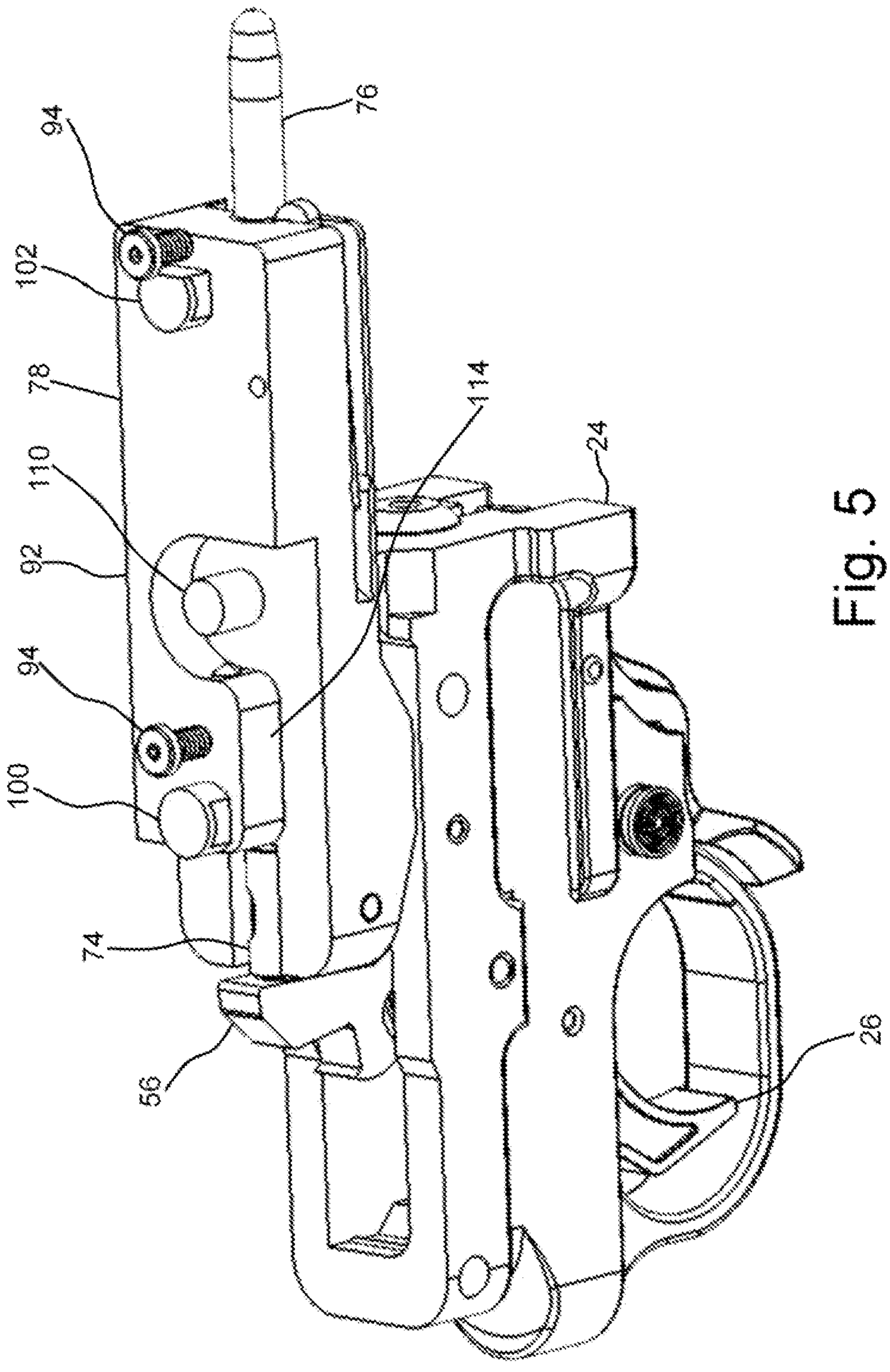

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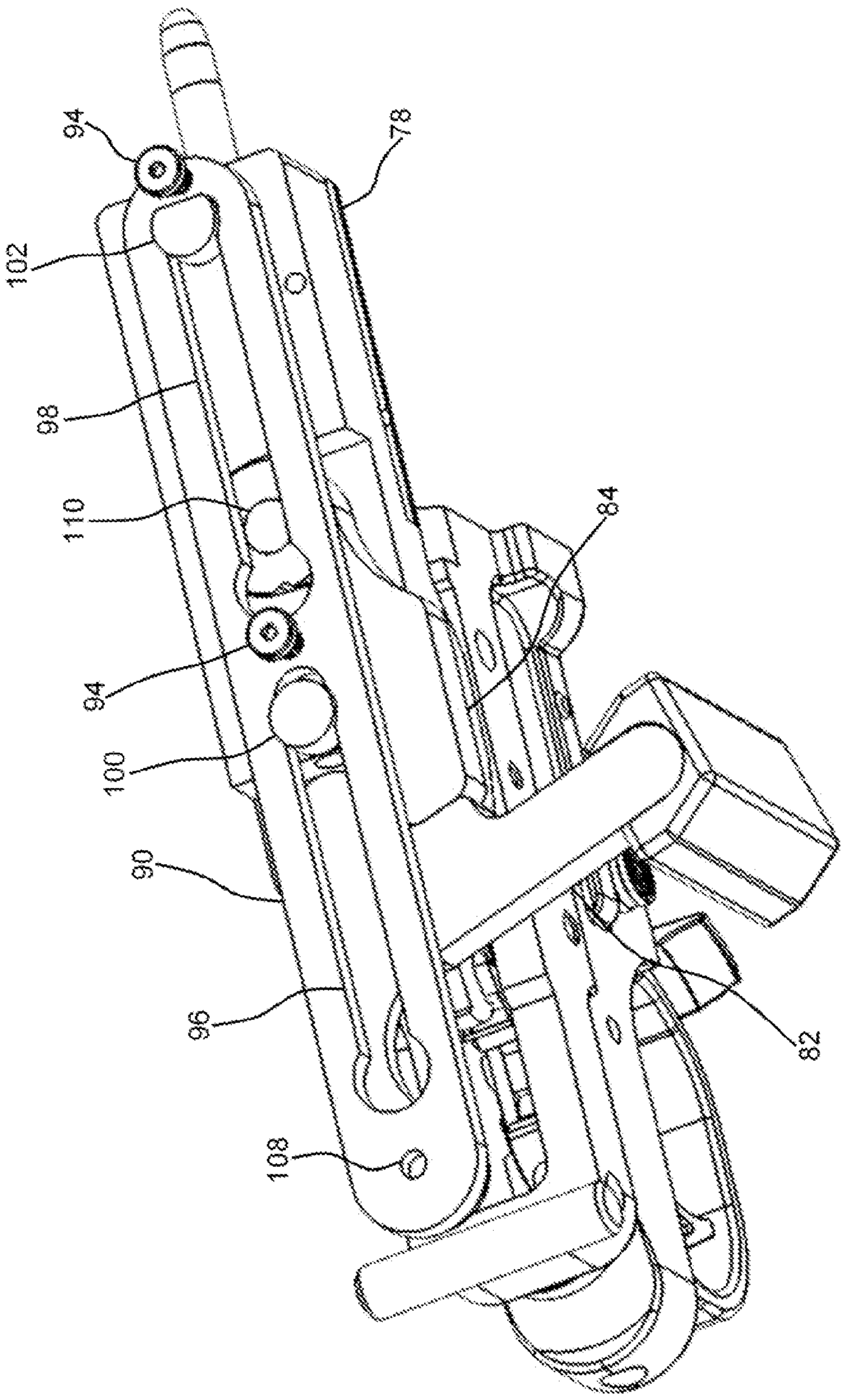

Fig. 6

FIREARM CONVERSION ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority benefit of U.S. Ser. No. 61/482,395 filed May 4, 2011 incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

Field of the Disclosure

This disclosure relates to the field of firearm actions and associated components. In particular, this disclosure relates to the field of actions and associated components for a firearm known as a Ruger 10/22.

SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed herein is a retrofit assembly for a rifle. The retrofit assembly comprising: modified bolt having at least one stud extending upwards therefrom; a front lever pivotably attached at a forward end to the modified bolt; a rear lever having a forward end pivotably attached to a rear portion of the front lever; a toggle handle fixedly coupled to the rear lever; the rear lever having pivotably coupled to a rearward end of a top rail; the top rail having a plurality of attachment points to facilitate attachment to a receiver of the rifle; and the top rail further comprising at least one surface defining a channel guide for linear repositioning of the stud therein.

The retrofit assembly as disclosed above may be arranged wherein the rifle is a rifle sold by the Ruger company under the model name 10/22.

The retrofit assembly may specifically be arranged wherein the receiver is a stock receiver which has been modified to accept the attachment points of the top rail.

The retrofit assembly as disclosed has the advantage that upon firing of a cartridge, the bolt remains stationary until the toggle handle is manually actuated. Normally this is accomplished by the person shooting.

A method for retrofitting a rifle to a scissor-style bolt action is also disclosed. The method comprising the steps of: removing the bolt of the rifle;

replacing the bolt with a modified bolt having at least one stud extending upwards therefrom; pivotably attaching a forward end of a front lever to the modified bolt; pivotably attaching a forward end of a rear lever to a rear portion of the front lever; fixedly coupling a toggle handle to the rear lever; pivotably coupling a rearward end of the rear lever to a rearward end of a top rail; attaching the top rail to a receiver of the rifle; and wherein the top rail further comprises at least one surface defining a channel guide for linear repositioning of the stud therein.

The method for retrofitting a rifle to a scissor-style bolt action is particularly suited wherein the rifle is a rifle sold by the Ruger company under the model name 10/22.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** is an isometric view of portions of a firearm according to one embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. **2** is an exploded view of the embodiment of FIG. **1** with several components removed to show the underlying components with several components removed to show the underlying components.

FIG. **3** is an exploded view of the embodiment of FIG. **1** with several components removed to show the underlying components.

FIG. **4** is a detail view of several internal components of the embodiment of FIG. **1** with several components removed to show the underlying components.

FIG. **5** is a detail view of several components of FIG. **4** with several components removed to show the underlying components.

FIG. **6** is a detail view of several internal components of the embodiment of FIG. **1** with several components removed to show the underlying components.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Before beginning a detailed description, an axes system **10** is disclosed comprising a longitudinal axis **12**, a vertical axis **14**, and a transverse axis **16**. These axes are to be used to assist in explanation, and are not intended to limit the disclosure to any particular orientation.

The term "10-22" for this disclosure is defined as the rifle manufactured by Ruger® at the time of invention. Similarly, the term "10-22 action" for this disclosure is defined as the action manufactured by Ruger® for the 10-22 rifle at the time of invention.

Looking to FIG. **1**, a Ruger 10/22 conversion unit **20** is shown for use in a stock Ruger 10/22 trigger housing and barrel. The remaining, not shown portions of a stock Ruger 10/22 would not be adapted.

The unit **20** shown in FIG. **1** utilizes a stock trigger housing **24** and several other stock components. Also shown is a trigger **26** and magazine (mag) release **28**. The mag release **28** shown is not novel to this disclosure. In the remainder of the Figs., the barrel **22** has been removed to more adequately show the remaining components. Many of these components can be seen partially through the semi-transparent receiver **30** shown in FIG. **1**. This receiver **30** would not normally be made of a transparent material.

Looking to FIG. **2**, an exploded view is shown comprising the receiver **30**, main body, trigger housing **24**, magazine (mag) release **28** and other components.

These components are also shown in FIG. **3**, which is an additional exploded view. The mag release **28** fits within the trigger housing **24** and pivots about pivot location **32**. The pivot location **32** aligns with pivot location **34** on the trigger housing and pin **36** passes therethrough to allow the mag release **28** to pivot when depressed. The upper edge **38** of the mag release engages the magazine catch **40**, which has a forward surface **42** that engages the magazine and holds it within the magazine well of the receiver **30**. A spring is shown which repositions the magazine catch **40** towards the magazine unless repositioned by pivoting of the mag release **28**.

The trigger **26** also fits within the trigger housing **24** and is partially protected by the trigger guard **44**. The trigger **26** pivots about pivot **46** (see FIG. **2**), which is generally a pin that passes through the surface defining the void **48** in the trigger housing **24**. When the safety **50** is released, the trigger **26** is allowed to rotate or pivot. The trigger **26** is also coupled through the pin **46** to a first seer **54**, which engages the hammer **56**. A second seer **58** is also coupled to the trigger **26** through a pivot **60**, utilizing another pin that passes through voids **62**. The second seer **58** also engages the hammer **56**. Hammer **56** rotates about pin **64**, which passes through voids **66** in the hammer **56** and void **68** in the trigger housing **24**. A spring **70** engages the forward portion **72** of the trigger **26**, as well as the hammer **56**, to reposition the hammer **56** upward/

forward when released by the seers **54** and **58** to engage the rear portion of a firing pin **74**, repositioning it forward to engage the edge portion of a rifle cartridge **76**. In one form, the cartridge is a rim fire, 0.22 caliber long rifle cartridge.

In a standard Ruger 10/22, firing of the cartridge **76** would reposition the bolt **78**, firing pin **74**, and hammer **56** rearward/downward, whereupon the following cartridge would be repositioned from the magazine into the firing location shown in FIG. **1**, whereupon activation of the trigger **26** again would fire this new cartridge.

This embodiment, utilizing a modified bolt **78** and other components, holds the modified bolt **78** in a forward position following firing, to increase the muzzle velocity of the ejected bullet and also to increase accuracy of the firearm. In one form, this is accomplished as the center of the pivot provided by extension **104** and void **106**, is past the line extending between the centers of the pivot **86** and the pivot provided at surface **112**. Thus, when the rifle fires, the force is not translated to movement of the levers **82**/**84** toward the toggle handle, but rather is directed rearwards, with a small force directed to rotate the front lever **84** towards the surface **114** of the bolt which therefore prohibits movement in that direction. This conversion results in a bolt action rifle commonly known to biathletes, where upon firing, the user reaches up with his fingers to engage the toggle handle. The toggle handle **80** is rigidly fixed to the rear lever **82**, which is pivotably coupled to a front lever **84**. These components can be more easily seen in FIG. **4**. The rearward portion of the rear lever **82** comprises a pivot **86** fitted to a rear lever pin **88** that also engages a void **90** in a top rail **92**. As can be seen in FIG. **6**, the top rail **90** is attached via screws **94** or other attachment devices to the receiver **30**. In one form, a plurality of channel guides **96** and **98** allow for the bolt **78** to reposition longitudinally as a plurality of studs **100** and **102** extend upwards from the bolt **78**.

Looking to FIG. **3** again, an extension **104** can be seen extending downward from the rear lever **82** and engaging a void **106** in the front lever **84**.

As the rear lever **82** pivots about the pivot **88** centered upon and pivotably connected to void **108** of the top rail **92**, and the front lever **84** comprises a surface **112** which allows the front lever **84** to pivot about a stud or pivot pin **110**, the front lever **84** and rear lever **82** operate generally in a scissor-like manner as the toggle handle **80** is repositioned outward and rearward by the user. This results in a sliding action of the bolt **78** rearward to eject the spent cartridge **76** and in one embodiment allows for insertion of a new cartridge **76** upward and forward from the clip (not shown), or in another embodiment allows for single cartridge insertion by a user/shooter.

This modification allows for the user to eject and reload a cartridge without substantial movement of their body, as a simple finger movement can function to reposition the toggle handle **80** rearward and outward and again forward and inward to eject and insert shells. This movement also re-sets the seers, trigger assembly and/or firing pin.

While the present invention is illustrated by description of several embodiments and while the illustrative embodiments are described in detail, it is not the intention of the applicants to restrict or in any way limit the scope of the appended claims to such detail. Additional advantages and modifications within the scope of the appended claims will readily appear to those sufficed in the art. The invention in its broader aspects is therefore not limited to the specific details, representative apparatus and methods, and illustrative examples shown and described. Accordingly, departures may be made from such details without departing from the spirit or scope of applicants' general concept.

Therefore I claim:

1. A retrofit assembly for a rifle, the retrofit assembly comprising:

a. a modified bolt having at least one stud extending upwardly therefrom;

b. a front lever pivotably attached at a forward end to the modified bolt;

c. a rear lever having a forward end pivotably attached to a rear portion of the front lever;

d. a toggle handle fixedly coupled to the rear lever;

e. the rear lever having a rearward end pivotably coupled to a rearward end of a top rail;

f. the top rail having a plurality of attachment points to facilitate attachment to a receiver of the rifle; and

g. the top rail further comprising at least one surface defining a channel guide for linear repositioning of the stud therein.

2. The retrofit assembly as recited in claim **1**, wherein the rifle is a 0.22 caliber rifle known as a Ruger® 10/22®.

3. The retrofit assembly as recited in claim **2**, wherein the receiver is a stock receiver which has been modified to accept the attachment points of the top rail.

4. The retrofit assembly as recited in claim **1**, wherein upon firing of a cartridge, the bolt remains stationary until the toggle handle is manually actuated.

5. A method for retrofitting a rifle to a scissor-style bolt action comprising the steps of:

a. removing the bolt of the rifle;

b. replacing the bolt with a modified bolt having at least one stud extending upwardly therefrom;

c. pivotably attaching a forward end of a front lever to the modified bolt;

d. pivotably attaching a forward end of a rear lever to a rear portion of the front lever;

e. fixedly coupling a toggle handle to the rear lever;

f. pivotably coupling a rearward end of the rear lever to a rearward end of a top rail;

g. attaching the top rail to a receiver of the rifle; and wherein

h. the top rail further comprises at least one surface defining a channel guide for linear repositioning of the stud therein.

6. The method for retrofitting a rifle to a scissor-style bolt action as recited in claim **5**, wherein the rifle is a 0.22 caliber rifle known as a Ruger® 10/22®.

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